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Secretary's message on Libya delivered noon today (DEPTEL 7248). While working level Foreign Office did not attempt give considered reaction to message, two general problems were discussed.

First related to timing various consultations. Hughes is returning London this weekend for review of aid problem within British Government. Libya Government plans issue communique tomorrow which will say consultations "which have been conducted in cordial atmosphere" will be renewed at end of month. Tentative plans call for Prime Minister visit London for talks beginning April 28. (At that time, Watson, African Department, estimates Libyans will either see way clear continue relationship with west or will accept Egyptian offer). Within this context, Foriegn Office expressed hope that if and when UK Government could see way clear give assurances requested in penultimate paragraph Secretary's message Ambassador Jones would be able make approach to Libyans immediately. Full US duscussions with Libyans would be helpful before final UK-Libyan talks in London.

Second, re substance of US aid program, Foreign Office representative noted that message did not try spell out exact amount. He returned, as Foreign Office has done frequently, to question of whether budgetary support envisaged from special aid fund involves merely shift within amount previously determined or means definite increase over previous figure. Foreign Office hopes, in any case, that it can be informed of substance Ambassador Jones approach when it is made to Libyans, in order assist with preparation for Libyan visit London.

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